

This newsletter provides information on meetings and conferences, upcoming training, available grants and loans, relevant Web sites, job opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, please contact Maria Castain (415) 972-3264 or through email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit our Web site: http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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Tribal Program Newsletter

As most of you know, Virgil Masayesva, Director and Co-founder of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) passed away in Flagstaff, Arizona on March 16, 2005. A scholarship fund has been established at Northern Arizona University in recognition of his tireless pursuit to advance Native American environmental education and protection issues around the country. For more details on the scholarship fund, please visit the following Web site: http://www4.nau.edu/itep/virgil/scholarship.asp

There is no death, only a change of worlds (Duwamish)

Meetings and conferences

May 11-14 Annual Wind Energy Applications and Training Symposium (WEATS), Boulder, CO

The WEATS fee will be waived for Native American participants. If interested in attending, contact Tony Jimenez at tony_jimenez@nrel.gov. The following Web site has more information: http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy04osti/36418.pdf

May 24-26 4th Annual Conference on Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR), Tucson, AZ

This conference will focus on understanding ECR principles and practices, engaging multiple governments, parties and affected communities and encouraging innovations and new applications. For more information, visit http://www.mediusevents.com/ECR2005 or call 1-877-ECR2005

Jun. 7-10 7th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Traverse City, MI

The Grand Traverse Band (GTB) of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians invites participation in this conference. GTB will have significant room for interested vendors at the conference. For more information please contact Andy Knott, GTB Environmental Stewardship Director at (231) 271-7363 or email

aknott@gtbindians.com or Suzanne McSawby, GTB Natural Resource Department Director at (231) 271-7104 or email smcsawby@gtbindians.com.

Jun. 8-10 Natural Resource Law Center (NRLC) Annual Conference, Boulder, CO

This conference will focus on the emerging water supply crisis on the Colorado River, a result of 5 years of extreme drought, growth in regional water demands, and institutional arrangements that over-allocate the flow of the river among competing uses. For more information, please contact Doug Kenney, (303) 492-1296 or email Douglas.kenney@colorado.edu

Jun. 16-19 Community Forests in the United States: Possibilities, Experiences, and Lessons Learned, NRLC, Missoula, MT

This three-day national conference will bring together practitioners from around the country to explore issues, options, and experiences in community forest establishment, governance, management and use. Costs: \$100 registration (meals included) plus lodging (inexpensive dormitory options available). To find out more, go to www.communitiescommittee.org and click on "Conferences" or email Carol Daly at cdaly@centurytel.net

Jul. 12-15 8th Region 2 Annual EPA National Community Involvement Conference, Buffalo, NY

The conference includes several keynote speakers; evening social activities, open time sessions, field trips, an exhibit room, and a poster session. Please visit the conference's Web site: http://www.epancic.org/2005/overview.cfm for more information.

Jul. 12-15 2nd Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference, Window Rock, AZ

The conference is: "Safeguarding Drinking Water for Future Generations." For more information, please go to the following Web site: www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference or call Michelle K. Silver at (928) 871-7755.

Jul. 26-28 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), San Francisco, CA Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov

Aug. 9-12 7th Annual National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Lac du Flambeau, WI

This annual meeting will be held at the Lake of the Torches Convention Center. For additional information go to www.nathpo.org

Sept. 18-21 2005 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish, Baltimore, MD

The 2005 Forum is jointly cosponsored by EPA and Maryland Department of the Environment. The Forum is an annual event designed to bring together public health and environmental officials from states, tribes, and other interested parties to present and discuss issues related to assessing and managing potential health risks associated with dietary exposure to bioaccumulative chemical contaminants. To register for the Fish Forum, go to the registration section on the Fish Forum Web site at: http://epa.gov/waterscience/fish/forum/2005

Oct. 24-28 13th Region 9 Annual Tribal/EPA, Coarsegold, CA

This Conference will be co-hosted with the Picayune Rancheria. For more information, please contact Sam Elizondo (559) 683-6633 or email selizondo@chukchansi.com

Nov. 2-4 2005 Brownfield Conference, Denver, CO

This is a uniquely designed conference sponsored by U.S. EPA, Region 8. It will feature environmental issues facing the west including Tribal Brownfields, mining sites, watershed issues, rural community issues. For more information regarding conference attendance, presentation opportunities, exhibits or poster sessions, check out the 2005 website: http://www.brownfields2005.org, or contact the Region 8 Coordinator, Robin Coursen at coursen.robin@epa.gov.

May 7-11, 06 5th National Monitoring Conference: Connecting for Clean Water, San Jose, CA

The conference will highlight how various networks – including monitoring designs, information exchanges, and the Internet – connect all of us working for clean water. The conference will also provide an expanded national forum for volunteer monitoring program coordinators to exchange information, develop skills, and build better networks. Also, the USGS National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program will showcase new findings on the quality of the Nation's streams and groundwater and highlight recent innovations and cutting-edge tools in water quality assessment. If you have questions about the conference or would like to be placed on a mailing list, contact the 2006 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at NWQMC2006@tetratech-ffx.com

Training

- May 1-2 Basics of Environmental Systems Management, Green Bay, WI
- Jul. 13-14 Basics of Environmental Systems Management, Bismarck, ND

This training is free of charge of those working in and with Native American communities. For more information, go to www.ntec.org

Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Jun 6-9 Emergency Management Operations for Tribal Governments, Emmetsburg, MD

The goal of the course is to identify tribal organizational structures, operational procedures, and resources for effective emergency management operations. For more information, contact Linda Straka, (301) 447-1162, linda.straka@dhs.gov Please note that most expenses for courses sponsored by DHS are reimbursable. For more information on DHS courses, visit http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb

May 9-13 Tribal Nonpoint Source Program (NPS) Workshops, Palm Springs, CA

- (1). The Clean Water Act (CWA): A Key Tool for Watershed Protection (Watershed 101). Participants in Watershed 101 will learn how the various authorities under the CWA and other regulatory tools fit together to help protect and restore watersheds.
- (2) Tribal Nonpoint Source Program Workshop. Participants in this workshop will learn about watershed-based management and how to incorporate watershed-based planning techniques in their CWA 319 on-the-ground projects.

These workshops will be held at Agua Caliente Spa Resort Casino. For more information, please contact Tiffany Eastman at eastman.tiffany@epa.gov.

May 13 Stormwater Funding and Utility Development and BMPs: Pollutants, Selection and Maintenance, Irvine, CA

On-line registration is now available for the educational stormwater workshop. The workshop offers comprehensive, critical hands-on information exclusively for stormwater- and surface-water-quality professionals. Space is limited! Register today online at www.stormcon.com/events. For more information, please call Steve Di Giorgi (805) 682-1300, ext. 129

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

May 10-12 Meteorological Monitoring, Las Vegas, NV

May 24-27 Gaseous Pollutant Monitoring (Level 3), Las Vegas, NV

The above courses are offered by the American Indian Air Quality Training Program in cooperation with NAU and U.S. EPA to fulfill the mandate of the 1990 Clean Air Act to offer Native American tribes full partnership in the management of air quality on tribal lands. For more information on the above courses, call Lee Anderson (702) 784-8264 or visit their site: http://www.nau.edu/itep

Resource Training Institute (RTI)

May 24-26 Environmental Laws and Regulations, Oak Ridge, TN

June 14-16 Applied Clean Air Act, Richland, WA

To register, please contact the RTII Registrar at (706) 951-5685, email registrar@rtii.org or go to: http://www.rtii.org/rti_REGFORM01.pdf

U.S. EPA will sponsor arsenic training courses on the following dates/locations:

May 9-10 Omaha, NE

May 12-13 South Bend, IN

May 23-24 Austin, TX

These technology-focused training events are geared for state drinking water staff, design engineers, systems owners and certified operations. For more information, please visit: http://www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic.html

Aug. 1-4 Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments, Emmetsburg, MD

The above course provide tribal leaders and representatives with a basic understanding of emergency management principles and their role in leading and directing their tribes in developing and implementing comprehensive emergency management systems. For more information, call Linda Straka, (301) 447-1162, or email linda.straka@dhs.gov

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for May 2005 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505) 281-9884 or visit: http://www.billhelmichassociates.com

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

The most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is available online. NETI is also advertising some EPA regional office-sponsored courses from Regions 4, 5 and 6. Classes of some of the most popular enforcement courses such as Basic Inspector, Advanced Inspector, and Advanced Negotiations Skills training are now available. A free catalog and schedule list of videos and CD-ROM courses can be mailed to you by calling (202) 564-2430 or by visiting http://www.netionline.com/ and registering as a student at EPA's "virtual university," NETI Online. Start class in your own office!

Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Project (ICEHAP)

This free course is presented by volunteers and is available upon request. The volunteers will come to you and participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. The goal of ICEHAP is to introduce participants to specific environmental problems that may cause harm to tribal communities. Participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. With the information provided, participants will be able to prioritize environmental problems and identify available resources for their resolution. A model will be presented to illustrate how a community-based approach can be taken to successfully solve a community environmental health problem. For more information, contact Harvard School of Public Health, Attn: Barbara Blanchard, 677 Huntington Ave., CCPE-Dept A, Boston MA 02115-6096 (617) 384-8687 or email: bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu

Inter Trial Council of Arizona (ITCA)

Jun 27-Jul 1 American Indian Underground Storage Tank Removal and Installation Training and Examination, Four Bears Resort Conference Room, New Town, ND

To obtain more information, please call Carl T. Jeffries at (602) 258-4822

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

- Jun 5-Jul 1 Water Resources Technician Program, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
- Aug. 7–26 Water Resources Technician Program, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK

These are tentative dates. Please forward applications to: Mr. Mo Balock, BIA, Branch of Water Resources, Mail Stop-4655, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. No internet access is available for BIA at this time. For additional information regarding applications and qualifications please contact Mo Balock (202) 208-6042 or Toni Village Center at (202) 208-3956 or (202) 208-4004.

Grants and loans

Tribal Community: Reducing Toxic Air Pollutants Project. Deadline: May 4, 2005

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities for projects to conduct education, training and outreach on the application of voluntary methods that effectively reduce the risk of human exposure to both indoor and outdoor toxic air pollutants in Tribal communities. EPA anticipates that Tribal community(s) members will collaborate with various Tribal government and non-government agencies, organizations, and stakeholders to conduct education, training, or outreach to reduce Tribal exposure to toxic air pollutants from indoor and outdoor sources. Go to the following on-line Web sites where the RFA can be viewed: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#indoor or http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/postdate_1.html

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different Tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, Underground Storage Tanks Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or warren.carl@epa.gov

Underground Storage Tanks and Site Remediation Enforcement

EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks and the Office of Site Remediation Enforcement recently issued a joint memorandum clarifying EPA's policies regarding the use of leaking underground storage tank (LUST) trust fund money in Indian Country. The memorandum will make it easier for Regions to obtain approval from Headquarters for the use of LUST trust funds to investigate and remediate releases from underground storage tanks on trust lands. The memorandum addresses sites where the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) negotiated a lease with a third party on behalf of a trust land beneficiary (either the tribe or an individual) and the third party abandoned their underground storage tank(s) on the trust lands.

Resource Conservation Funds

Solicitations are now open for U.S. EPA Region 9 proposals for cooperative agreements that address solid waste reduction and management. Cooperative agreements will be awarded through Resource Conservation Funds under the authority of Section 8001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. A full announcement is available at: http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/rcra.html Please contact Heather White at (415) 972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov for more information.

Targeted Watersheds Grant Program (TWGP)

EPA has announced the Call for Nominations from Tribal Leaders and Governors for watershed proposals under the TWGP. This is a competitive grant program designed to support the protection and restoration of the country's water resources through a holistic watershed approach to water quality management. The goals of the TWGP are to support community-based partnerships to implement water quality projects that achieve measurable water quality improvements, and to encourage innovative solutions in watershed protection and restoration that lead to real environmental results. Approximately \$10 million will be available to support nation-wide projects. EPA anticipates that typical grant awards for the selected watersheds will range from \$600,000 to \$900,000 depending on the amount requested and the overall size and need of the project. A 25% non-federal match is required. The deadline for EPA receipt of nominations, both in hard copy and electronic form, is May 19, 2005. For further information, contact Sam Ziegler at (415) 972-3399 or ziegler.sam@epa.gov or visit the following Web site:

http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/2005/2005grantsolicit.html

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes

The Clean Water (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at http://www.epa.gov/region09/water

USDA Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

USDA RUS has \$16.4 million in infrastructure grant funds available in FY05 under their Native American Grants Program. Grant funds are available only after RUS has assessed the capacity of the recipient to accept loans as applicants are expected to borrow the funds they can afford to repay. Ratios vary from 100% loan to 100% grant funding, with a cap of \$1 million in grant funds. The use of RUS loan funds in conjunction with RUS grant funds, as well as funds from other sources, is strongly encouraged whenever feasible to maximize the investment in Indian Country. Contact your local USDA RUS office for more information and to apply for funding. For information on state contacts and engineering report and environmental review application requirements, visit the following websites.

http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2005funding.htm

http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/regs/Bul%201780-2%209-10-03.pdf

http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/pdf/1794-602A2.PDF

Tribal Drinking Water PWS Capacity Funding Program –Clearinghouse Concept

Currently EPA's Region 9 Tribal Drinking Water PWS Capacity Program offers small training and capacity building grants to Tribes. The administrative burdens, lack of funding flexibilities, and slow processing times for issuing multiple small awards is significant for both the Tribes and EPA. To make funds more immediately accessible we are in the process of revising the program as follows: EPA will make one award to a Tribal Consortium. This entity would serve as a clearinghouse for receiving proposals, tracking projects and processing reimbursements. Proposals would need an EPA sign-off, but the administrative load would be greatly reduced. Projects could be small (e.g., one semester of night school) or large (e.g., feasibility studies to construct an arsenic treatment facility). Some projects could be proposed, approved and off the ground in a very short time. The Drinking Water Office has approached ITCA, and exploratory discussions are underway for developing the details of the program. We are hopeful that we can get the new program in place sometime during the next few months. For more information on this programs, please call Helen McKinley at 415-972-3559.

California Bay-Delta Authority science grants

This program is seeking to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: http://solicitation.calwater.ca.gov or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to http://calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsub-1.asp?Choice=1. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

California Endowment Program

California Endowment Program gives grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level.

CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.

The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September. For more information concerning grant opportunities at the California endowment please go to http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm or call (800) 449-4149.

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program Closing Date: May 20, 2005

CARE is a new and unique community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxics from all sources. CARE's long-term goal is to help communities build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve local environments into the future. The total estimated funding expected for all awards under this solicitation is \$1.65 million for FY 2005. EPA anticipates awarding six Level I cooperative agreements ranging in expected value from 60,000 to \$90,000 with most Level I agreements being funded at the level of about \$75,000. EPA also anticipates awarding four Level II cooperative agreements ranging in expected value from \$150,000 to \$325,000. Most Level II awards will be funded at about \$275,000. The estimated project period for awards resulting from this solicitation is two years. Applicants are not required to have been a recipient of a Level I agreement in order to receive a Level II agreement. For more information, please go to http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/05-08.pdf or http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html

The Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Energy has published the following funding opportunities. For monthly summaries of funding opportunities and other funding resources, go to: http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial_opps.html.

Pollution Prevention Program

US EPA Region 9's Pollution Prevention program announces the availability of funding under the Source Reduction Assistance Program. The full solicitation is now available at: www.epa.gov/p2/grants/srap05.htm Applicants should also refer to the Region 9 Supplement

to the solicitation, which gives more detail on relevant dates and the weighting of the evaluation criteria.

Purpose of the program is to fund projects supporting source reduction, pollution prevention and/or resource conservation activities. Available amount is approximately \$100,000 and the number of awards will be 2 to 3. Applications are due on May 20, 2005. NOTE: we need to receive them (not just be postmarked) by this date. For more information, contact or email John Katz 415-972-3283; katz.john@epa.gov or go to www.epa.gov/region09/funding/p2-sourcesup05.html

California Water Plan Update

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is in the process of scheduling 10 hearings statewide, as well as numerous presentations, primarily in the months of May and June. The purpose of the hearings is to receive comments for the final report, which will be issued by fall 2005. Some of our presentations will be hosted by tribal groups. Please click on the following Web site for updates as they become available.

http://www.publicaffairs.water.ca.gov/newsreleases/2005/04-13-05waterplan.cfm_ If you would like to be on the Water Plan Update mailing list, please send your name, affiliation, mailing address, email address, and phone number Barbara Cross, Chief, Land and Water Use Section, Phone: (916) 653-5150

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop in ways that meet environmental and other community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials, please go to:

http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.htm or call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859.

Mattel Children's Foundation

The Mattel Children's Foundation new Domestic Grants Program seeks applications from organizations that serve children in communities within the U.S. that address a locally defined need. Priority is given to programs that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities: health, education, and girl's empowerment. Pilot projects and new organizations may be considered but programs with at least two years experience are preferred. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for one year. Preference is given to organizations that have an annual operating budget of less than \$1,000,000 and are not associated with a national organization. Application Deadline: Cycle II - September 30, 2005. For application guidelines, please visit www.mattel.com

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The goal of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's 2003-2008 Strategic Plan is to promote health among vulnerable individuals and communities through health programming. Health programming at the Foundation centers on improving individual and community health, and improving access to quality health care. The Foundation's grant-making initiatives focus on the non-biological determinants of health, and target communities, health care systems, and public health. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants under three areas: Health Care Safety Net, Quality of Health Care Services, and Health Leadership - With an Emphasis on Diversity. Online applications are preferred. There is a rolling application deadline. For more information and application guidelines, please visit http://www.wkkf.org/

Miscellaneous items

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is available to provide training to tribal governments on the investigation of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415)972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Asthma Awareness Month

May is National Asthma Awareness month and EPA joins the international community to increase public understanding of asthma and environmental asthma triggers. Throughout the month, EPA organizes events, conducts media outreach, releases new materials and supports local Asthma Awareness Month efforts to increase public understanding of ways to manage the environment to control asthma. Go to: www.epa.gov/asthma for more information on this activity and resources available for you to conduct your own outreach activities or call Louise Hill at (415) -947-4192

Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are understandable and visual. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm

National Coastal Condition Report (NCCR)

EPA is releasing the second NCCR, updating the first report issued in 2001. The information is based on four years of sound, EPA-sponsored consistent monitoring data from 23 coastal states, NOAA, USGS and USFWS. It serves as a continuing foundation for the EPA's efforts to protect, manage, and restore coastal ecosystems. The NCCR II will help environmental managers identify existing and emerging problems, establish quantifiable trends, and evaluate their coastal environmental programs. Hard copies of the report will be available in about a month by calling 1-800-490-9198 and requesting EPA publication # 620/R-03/002; in the meantime, copies can be printed from the EPA Web site at http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/nccr2/

EPA Region 2 Proposed Outreach

EPA seeks to conduct outreach to Indian Nations with regard to Pollution Prevention, specific to health care systems. With this in mind Region 2 introduces to Diane Buxbaum, M.P.H. Environmental Scientist. To initiate this outreach, Diane proposes to contact the Tribal/Indian Nation clinics and hospitals and IHS facilities directly. For instance, are there any lifeways that may be of interest to hospitals regarding waste management? For example, mercury-containing thermometers, blood pressure devices and gastric tubes. Diane Buxbaum can be reached at (212) 637-3919

Job openings

U.S. EPA Region 9 Tribal Program Office is looking for college juniors or seniors with good analytical and communication skills, and experience working with tribal governments, to work on tribal related projects under the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP). The SCEP is a planned and progressive, career-related student employment program which provides student with a blend of academic study and work experience for a 6-month time frame. Applicant must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. citizen, and enrolled in a qualifying institution pursuing a degree on at least a half-time basis in Fall 2005. Resumes will be accepted from May 2-16. Email or fax your resume to Robin Cooper at: cooper.robin@epa.gov or fax to: (415) 947-3562.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has a job opening for an environmental protection manager. While reporting to the Executive Director of Governmental Operations, the environmental protection manager directs, supervises and coordinates the monitoring and protecting of the land, air and water resources for the Tribe in light of its economic, cultural and political objectives. He/she oversees the administration of EPA grant funds and tribal funds in the implementation of these objectives. Position oversees cultural resource management as well. For more information, contact Jerry Paresa at (909) 864-8933 ext. 2141 or email jparesa@sanmanuel-nsn.gov

The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Thermal, CA has an immediate opening for an environmental specialist. The applicant must have an AA degree in related fields and two

years experience in working with tribes. Great Benefits. You may contact the Human Resources Department at (760) 397-0300 or fax resume to (760) 397-9853.

The Confederated Umatilla Tribes, through Yellowhawk Health Clinic, has opened a job search for an Environmental Health Scientist/Toxicologist. This will be a dynamic and challenging position focused on protecting the health of tribal members and the integrity of tribal culture by decreasing exposure to environmental toxins via fish consumption. The position will remain open until filled but interested applicants should apply as soon as possible. Please encourage interested individuals to call 1-888-809-8027 to discuss.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be hiring a Native American intern engineer. For more information, contact Glynn R. Alsup, (213) 452-3997

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

Please visit the Tribal Resources Web page at: http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html

The following listserv will be used for distributing information on grants and/or funding opportunities, regulatory changes, and for gathering information that may be needed specifically for solid waste issues. If you have any questions or would like more information on this listserv, please contact Robin Powell (775) 574-0101, ext. 12.

Post message: http://tribal_solid_waste@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe: http://tribal_solid_waste-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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List owner: http://tribal_solid_waste-owner@yahoogroups.com